



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Todd Siegel et al.

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Invention: "AUTOMATED SOLID PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCT PACKAGING MACHINE"

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated July 19, 2002, Applicants elect the claims 7-13 of Invention II, drawn to a method of filing solid pharmaceutical product packaging.

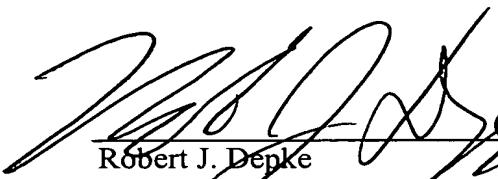
Applicants specifically reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in a later filed continuation or divisional application.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). The time to respond is thus extended to October 19, 2002. Applicants have also included a check in the amount of \$200.00 as payment of the required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a).

Applicants therefore await consideration and examination of the elected claims and respectfully request consideration on the merits in due course.

Respectfully submitted,



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